Grammar Quiz: Past Simple Tense

Secondary School Level • English Language Practice

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PART 1: MULTIPLE CHOICE

Choose the best option (A, B, C, or D) to complete each sentence.

1. They _____ a new house last month.

A) buy
B) bought
C) buyed
D) were buying

2. Where _____ you go for your summer holidays two years ago?

A) do
B) was
C) did
D) were

3. She _____ attend the lecture yesterday because she was ill.

A) didn't
B) doesn't
C) wasn't
D) isn't

4. The students _____ very excited about the trip to the museum.

A) did
B) was
C) were
D) are

5. I _____ my phone while I was running in the park.

A) drop
B) dropped
C) droped
D) dropping

PART 2: FILL IN THE BLANKS

Complete the sentences using the Past Simple form of the verb in brackets.

1. We _____ (visit) our grandparents in Alexandria last weekend.

2. Shakespeare _____ (write) many famous plays.

3. Why _____ you _____ (leave) the party so early last night?

4. He _____ (not / catch) the morning bus, so he arrived late.

5. She _____ (study) hard and passed all her final exams.

PART 3: SPOT & CORRECT THE MISTAKE

Find the grammatical error in each sentence and write the corrected version on the line below.

1. "Did you went to school yesterday?"

2. "They didn't played football after class."

3. "She was decide to study engineering last year."

Teacher's Answer Key & Explanations

Past Simple Tense Worksheet

PART 1: MULTIPLE CHOICE ANSWERS

1. B) bought
Irregular past form: buy → bought (not 'buyed').

2. C) did
Questions in Past Simple use the auxiliary verb "did" + base form of the main verb.

3. A) didn't
Negative statements in Past Simple use "didn't" + base verb (attend).

4. C) were
Past tense of the verb "to be" for plural subject ("The students") is "were".

5. B) dropped
Spelling rule: Monosyllabic verb ending in CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) doubles the final consonant (drop → dropped).

PART 2: FILL IN THE BLANKS ANSWERS

1. visited • Regular verb ending in -ed.

2. wrote • Irregular past form of 'write'.

3. did / leave • Auxiliary 'did' + base verb 'leave' in a question.

4. didn't catch *(or **did not catch**)* • Negative form: didn't + base verb.

5. studied • Spelling rule: Consonant + 'y' changes to '-ied' (study → studied).

PART 3: SPOT & CORRECT ANSWERS

1. Did you go to school yesterday?
Rule: After the auxiliary verb *did*, always use the main verb in its base form (*go*, not *went*).

2. They didn't play football after class.
Rule: After negative *didn't*, use the base form of the verb (*play*, not *played*).

3. She decided to study engineering last year.

Rule: Do not combine *was/were* with standard past verbs in the Past Simple tense. Use *decided* directly.